One of my responsibilities as your Representative is to nominate young people for enrollment in our nation's Military Service Academies. This is a task my office takes with great seriousness and deliberation, as the young men and women studying at these elite institutions will become our nation's next generation of military leaders. To help young people in Nebraska learn more about the Academies and other exceptional opportunities for military service, my office, in collaboration with the office of Senator Mike Johanns, will be hosting a "U.S. Military Day" this Saturday at Lincoln Southwest High School in Lincoln from 9 am to 2 pm.

This is an excellent opportunity for interested students and their parents to learn more about all military options. Representatives from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Merchant Marine, and Coast Guard will be on hand to answer questions and provide information. A program presentation featuring service academy and military representatives will begin at 11 a.m. Information regarding National Guard, Reserve, and the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), will also be presented.

Our nation's five service academies include the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY; the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD; the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado; the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York; and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut. These institutions train students to excel in academics and military affairs. They seek well-rounded individuals with the highest levels of academic achievement as well as a demonstrated record of commitment to athletics, student activities, and civic organizations.

You are welcome to join us for this important event on Saturday, March 26th in Lincoln, or please forward this invitation to someone who may be interested. You may also contact my office at 866-725-5255 for more information about the nomination process.